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BLOOD BATH ON DALAL STREET, GLOBAL STOCKS HIT LOW, SENSEX CRASHES MORE THAN 1,000 POINTS

RECESSION AT DOORSTEP!

▶ AT CLOSE, SENSEX WAS 1,020.80 POINTS, OR 1.73 PER CENT, DOWN AT 58,058.92, AND NIFTY CLOSED 302.45 POINTS, OR 1.72 PER CENT, AT 17,327.35. AS MANY AS 2,497 SHARES DECLINED, 983 SHARES ADVANCED, AND 107 REMAINED UNCHANGED.

▶ THE POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA, MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA, STATE BANK OF INDIA, BAJAJ FINSERV, BAJAJ FINANCE, AND NTPC WERE MAJOR LOSERS ON THE SENSEX.

▶ NIFTY AUTO INDEX FELL 1.71 PER CENT, NIFTY PSU BANK INDEX FELL 3.97 PER CENT, NIFTY FINANCIAL SERVICES INDEX BY 2.48 PER CENT, AND BSE UTILITIES INDEX BY 3.48 PER CENT.



UK UNVEILS BIGGEST PACKAGE OF TAX CUTS IN 50 YEARS

London: UK Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng has unveiled the biggest package of tax cuts in 50 years, as he hailed a "new era" for the UK economy, media reports said. Income tax and stamp duty on home purchases will be cut, while planned rises in business taxes have been scrapped, BBC reported. Kwarteng said a major change of direction was needed to kick start economic growth.

It came at a time when the Bank of England is warning that the UK may already be in recession. The pound sank to a fresh 37-year low as the chancellor made his statement, BBC reported.

'Long and Ugly' Recession's prediction

Economist Nouriel Roubini, who correctly predicted the 2008 financial crisis, sees a "long and ugly" recession in the US and globally occurring at the end of 2022 and a sharp correction in the S&P 500. As rates rise and debt servicing costs increase, "many zombie institutions, zombie households, corporates, banks, shadow banks and zombie countries are going to die," he said. "So we'll see who's swimming naked."



RUPEE SLIPS FIRST TIME BELOW 81-MARK AGAINST USD

Mumbai: The Indian rupee on Friday ended 13 paise down against the US dollar, at 80.99, after hitting record lows during the morning trade.

At close, the rupee ended at 80.99 as against 80.86 on the previous trading session.

In the morning trade, the rupee hit 81-mark against the US dollar for the first time, because of uncertainty created after the uptick in dollar index, increase in policy rate by the US Fed and Bank of England, and escalation in geopolitical tensions between Russia and Ukraine.

Moreover, the negative trends in the domestic equities also weighed on sentiments.



DOW ALSO TUMBLES

New York: US stocks fell sharply on Friday as investors continued to worry about even more rate hikes from the Federal Reserve that could land the US economy in a recession, the media reported.

The Dow was down 289 points, or 1 per cent, at the market open. The S&P 500 fell 1.1 per cent and The Nasdaq composite was 1.1 per cent lower, CNN reported.

The Dow opened below 30,000 points, a level it briefly breached Thursday. If the Dow ends the day below 30,000, it would be the first time it closed below that barrier since June 17. And a somewhat more sizable plunge could land the index at on a two-year low on Friday. Investors do not have many places to make money at the moment: In addition to sinking stocks, the bond market is also selling off, sending US Treasury yields soaring to 11-year highs in recent days.

S&P 500 Index to 3,600 from 4,300, citing a higher interest-rate path from the Federal Reserve, while strategists gave up on a year-end rally for European stocks as private-sector activity in the region continued to contract.

After remaining resilient against the global weakness in equities, Nifty gave in over the past three sessions. Nifty fell sharply for the second consecutive week (down 1.16 per cent), breaking some key technical levels on the way.

Team Absolute | Mumbai

The Indian equities market crashed sharply on Friday, with Sensex falling more than 1,000 points due to global cues, to end the week on a negative note, dealers said.

Global stocks hit two-year lows on Friday and bonds faced an eighth weekly loss, as investors digested the prospect of a far more aggressive rise in US interest rates.

Asian and European equities headed for deep weekly losses as rising interest rates across the globe threaten to sharply curtail economic growth, weighing on risk appetite and as surveys showed the downturn in business activity across the euro zone and Britain deepened this month.

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. slashed its year-end target for the

Sonia Gandhi, Maken to decide on Raj CM, says Gehlot



Team Absolute | Jaipur

After meeting Rahul Gandhi in Kerala, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Friday said that he will be filing the nomination for the post of Congress president, and added that Sonia Gandhi and general secretary in-charge Ajay Maken will decide on the CM face.

Gehlot said, "In the meeting, Rahul Gandhi clearly said that this time only non-Gandhi will become the president. This is the final decision, the president will not be made from the Gandhi family."

On the question of leaving the post of CM, Gehlot said that whoever becomes the Congress president, and till date whoever has become the Congress president, that person has not been the Chief Minister. "If I get a chance, I will work as the Congress President only."

On the question of the next face if the CM post falls vacant in Rajasthan, Gehlot said that Sonia Gandhi will decide about the next process. "Sonia Gandhi and general secretary in-charge Ajay Maken will decide together," he said.

NOT IN RACE FOR CONG PRESIDENT POST: DIGVIJAYA SINGH

Bhopal: Congress' Rajya Sabha MP Digvijaya Singh on Friday said he is not in the race for the post of the party president. "I have already said... and I am reiterating that I am not interested in becoming the party's national president," the former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister told reporters. The senior Congress leader made the remarks while interacting with the mediapersons during his visit to Jabalpur. Singh's statement has come a day after he visited the party headquarters in Delhi.

Meanwhile, the party top brass has asked Sachin Pilot to stay put in Jaipur and meet MLAs till a final decision is taken. Pilot reportedly flew to Jaipur on Friday after being in Bharat Jodo Yatra and is waiting for the decision. However, it is not clear yet whether Gehlot will first step down as Chief Minister and contest, or resign after the election.

Bhagwat's visit to Madarsa is impact of Bharat Jodo Yatra, says Cong; RSS hits back

Team Absolute | New Delhi

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's visit to a mosque and his meeting with the head of an organisation of Imams were not a deviation from the outfit's line, its senior leader Indresh Kumar said on Friday.

He slammed the Congress for saying Bhagwat's meeting with All India Imam Organisation chief Umer Ahmed Ilyasi was due to the "impact" of the party's "Bharat Jodo Yatra".

The Congress said the RSS chief's meeting with Ilyasi was due to the "impact" of its "Bharat Jodo Yatra" and requested Bhagwat to

walk with party leader Rahul Gandhi in uniting the country "with a tricolour in hand".

"There has been no change in the Sangh's line. It remains the same as it was and will remain so in the future. That is eternal. People have misunderstood it as they have been misled. Efforts have been made to create a misunderstanding," Kumar said while replying to a reporter's question.

He said Bhagwat's meeting with Ilyasi was part of the Sangh's initiative to hold a dialogue with the minority communities, which began more than 20 years ago under the leadership of the outfit's former chief, KS Sudershan.

'SOME SAY LIQUOR IN SMALL QUANTITY IS GOOD'

SC REFUSES PLEA FOR WARNING LABELS ON BOTTLES

Team Absolute | New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Friday declined to entertain a plea seeking regulation on the production, distribution, and consumption of intoxicating drinks and drugs in the national capital and also health warning stickers on liquor bottles like cigarette packets. The plea filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay sought a direction to the government to publish health warnings on liquor bottles -- similar to the criteria adopted for warning signs on cigarette packets -- and the same should be advertised through electronic, print, and social media. The bench, also comprising Justices S. Ravindra Bhat and Indira Banerjee, said that there are thoughts and counter thoughts, and some people say liquor taken in small quantities is good for health and nowhere similar things are said about cigarettes. The bench expressed its disinclination in entertaining the petition. "Either you withdraw this or we will dismiss it. This is a policy matter," said the bench.

Private security agency personnel to be deployed at 60 airports

Team Absolute | New Delhi

In line with the decision of the Centre, a total of 1,924 Private Security Agency (PSA) personnel will be deployed at 60 airports, in place of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), at non-core duty posts.

As per the Airport Authority of India, the decision will reduce the security expenditure and these CISF personnel can be deployed at other airports which will further strengthen the security set-up. This will further help in operationalisation of new domestic and international



airports. The AAI has appointed 581 security personnel from Directorate General

Resettlement-sponsored security agencies for non-core posts at 45 Airports.

These Security personnel will be deployed after completion of Aviation Security (AVSEC) training programme at selected airports. As on date, 161 DGR personnel for 16 airports are attending AVSEC training programs and they will be deployed after completion of training from September 24.

At Kolkata Airport, already 74 DGR security personnel have been deployed from September 9 after attending the AVSEC training programme. Deployment process of the remaining security personnel is under process.

RAPE ACCUSED IN UP GETS LIFE TERM AFTER 10-DAY TRIAL

Pratapgarh: A POC SO court in Uttar Pradesh's Pratapgarh district completed a trial in ten days by convicting the accused in a rape case and awarding life sentence to him.

The court of additional district judge (POCSO Act), Pankaj Kumar Srivastava, on Thursday, pronounced life sentence for Bhupendra and imposed a penalty of Rs 20,000.

Pratapgarh Superintendent of Police Satpal Antil, who led the probe in the case, said that the minor girl was raped under Kotwali police station area on August 13.

The forensic investigation confirmed rape of the girl. Later, the chargesheet was filed on September 3 under the charges of rape, kidnapping, abduction or inducing woman to compel her marriage along with the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, said the officer.

The court began the trial of the case on September 12.

Air pollution exposure in first 5 years of life puts kids at brain disorder risks

▶ Abnormal white matter microstructure has been associated with psychiatric disorders (depressive symptoms, anxiety and autism spectrum disorders).

▶ The study found that the greater the exposure to PM2.5, especially during the first two years of life, the greater the volume of the putamen in preadolescence.

▶ The data analysed came from a large cohort of 3,515 children enrolled in the Generation R Study in Rotterdam (the Netherlands).

In a first, researchers have linked exposure to air pollutants like particulate matter PM2.5 -- particularly in the first five years of life starting from the womb -- and alterations in the brain structure that may put children at psychiatric and cognitive disorder risks later in life. Experts assessed children's exposure to air pollution from conception to 8.5 years of age on a monthly basis.

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The study, published in the peer-reviewed journal Environmental Pollution, found an association in children aged 9-12, between exposure to air pollutants in the womb and during the first 8.5 years of life and alterations in white matter structural connectivity in the brain. The greater the child's exposure before age five, the greater the brain structure alteration observed in preadolescence, according to the team led by the Barcelona Institute for Global



Health (ISGlobal).

"The novel aspect of the present study is that it identified periods of susceptibility to air pollution. We measured exposure using a finer time

scale by analysing the data on a month-by-month basis, unlike previous studies in which data was analysed for trimesters of pregnancy or childhood years," said Anne-

Claire Binter, ISGlobal researcher and first author of the study.

In this study, "we analysed the children's exposure to air pollution from conception to 8.5 years of age on a monthly basis", Binter added.

In addition to the association between air pollution and white matter microstructure, the study also found a link between specific exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and the volume of the "putamen", a brain structure involved in motor function, learning processes and many other functions.

ANOTHER BJP MLA RESIGNS FROM TRIPURA ASSEMBLY, JOINS TRIBAL OUTFIT

Agartala: BJP MLA and veteran tribal leader Burba Mohan Tripura on Friday resigned



from the Tripura Assembly and to join the tribal-based Tipraha Indigenous Progressive Regional Alliance party.

Official sources said that the 67-year-old legislator, accompanied by TIPRA supreme and former royal scion Pradyot Bikram Manikya Deb Barman, submitted his resignation letter to Speaker Ratan Chakraborty, who immediately accepted it.

Deb Barman told IANS that Burba Mohan Tripura, along with senior BJP leader and former Deputy Speaker Gauri Sankar Reang, joined his party late on Friday evening. Burba Mohan Tripura, who was unavailable for comments, was elected to the Assembly in the 2018 election from the tribal reserved seat Karbook in southern Tripura's Gomati district. BJP leaders, when contacted by reporter, refused to make any comments immediately.



URBAN NAXALS NEED TO BE STOPPED FROM STALLING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: MODI

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday blamed 'urban naxals' for creating roadblocks in developmental projects and blamed them for influencing global bodies and institutions to stall progressive works.

The Prime Minister said that "conspiracies" of such elements need to be stopped. In his virtual address to a conference of state environment ministers in Gujarat's Ekta Nagar, the location of Sardar Sarovar dam, Modi said, "We have seen how in the name of environmental clearance roadblocks are created to stall modern infrastructure creation. You won't believe how urban naxals and anti-development elements had delayed the Sardar Sarovar dam's construction."



"Here in Ekta Nagar, the dam's foundation stone was laid soon after Independence by Pandit Nehru but then urban naxals came on the scene, claiming that the project was anti-environment and it got stalled for several decades. Something which was initiated by Pandit Nehru could only be completed when I became the Chief Minister of Gujarat. So

much of public money was wasted." The same Ekta Nagar is now a pilgrimage of environment, the Prime Minister said. "Still, these urban naxals have not kept quiet. Despite their lies being exposed, they are not ready to give up. They manage to get political support and it is surprising how many global

institutions are influenced by them which raise objections against developmental projects. We have to stop the conspiracies of such urban naxals," Modi said in his address.

He added that there should be no compromise in the path of environmental protection and a holistic approach should be adopted in such issues.

"We should ensure that environmental and forest clearances to projects are not delayed. This leads to cost overruns. We need to reduce dependencies in such environmental projects as much as possible. To achieve this, the work environment should also change," Modi told the state environment ministers.

He added that both the Centre and the states should work in tandem to expedite clearance to environment-related projects.

KARTAVYA PATH TO HAVE ITS OWN POLICE STATION

New Delhi: The newly inaugurated Central Vista corridor renamed as -- Kartavya Path -- will have a separate police station to maintain law and order in the country's one of the most highly secured and guarded areas.

The police station will come under the jurisdiction of New Delhi district which already has 11 police stations and the 'Kartavya Path' police station will be 12th in the district. According to a government notification, the local areas which have been excluded from the jurisdiction of Police Stations Tilak Marg, South Avenue and Parliament Street respectively, shall cover the area henceforth. The northern boundary of Kartavya Path police station's jurisdiction will have North Block, Rail Bhawan (exclusive) Raisina Road, Krishi Bhawan, INGCA (inclusive) Dr. Rajender Prasad, JSR Roundabout (R/A).

Kerala Police register 53 cases, 127 PFI activists arrested for violence

Thiruvananthapuram | Agencies

In one of the worst ever damages inflicted in a day long shutdown in Kerala, angry Popular Front of India (PFI) created mayhem and at the end of the day, 70 KSRTC buses was damaged, besides damaging other vehicles and properties.

PFI activists called for a dawn-to-dusk shutdown to protest the arrest of 19 fellow activists including their leaders, as part of an early morning joint operation by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday.

Things appeared to change after the Kerala High Court, on Friday, strongly condemned and initiated suo motu proceedings against the leaders of PFI for the illegal call for a flash hartal in the State.

A Division Bench of Justice A. K. Jayasankaran Nambiar and Justice Mohammed Nias wanted stringent action against the violators of the



Court's order.

It was after that that Kerala Police got into the act and by evening, 127 people were arrested, 53 cases were registered, and 229 people were taken into preventive custody. At Kannur, an RSS office was attacked when the police took into custody a PFI worker who was carrying petrol bombs.

Likewise, there were numerous reports of PFI activists forcefully closing down shops and turned physical at those who resisted. The maximum impact of the dawn-to-dusk bandh was

seen in the Muslim stronghold areas of the state.

Even though the SDPI - the political arm of the PFI - is part of the erstwhile political fronts, over the years, neither the ruling CPI-M led Left nor the Congress-led opposition took a stand against PFI, for obvious "electoral" reasons.

When most of the universities in the state have postponed the day's examinations, the Public Service Commission has decided to hold the exam as scheduled.

Educational institutions across the state also remained closed.

Pleasant Surprise: 'Dead' mother reaches home

Chennai | Agencies

Vadivelu, a 48-year-old man and his family were in for a pleasant surprise after his 72-year-old mother, Chandra, walked to his home three days after the family thought that she was 'dead' and gone.

Chandra, who often visits temples, had went to a temple at Hanumanthapuram, 22 km from her residence in Ambedkar Nagar, Chennai, on Monday.

She had decided to visit more temples located at some distance, and did not communicate with her home. As she did not return, Vadivelu lodged a complaint with the Guduvanchery police station that his mother was missing.

Next day, on Tuesday evening, he received a call from the police station that an old woman's body was found on the railway track

after being hit by a suburban train.

The police informed him that the body was kept at Chrompet Government hospital and asked him whether it was his mother's body.

Vadivelu noticed that the sari was similar to the one that was worn by his mother, and on that basis, he identified the body as that of his mother.

The relatives received the body and they buried it after final rites.

To the entire family's and relatives' surprise, Chandra walked into the home on Thursday morning.

She was also in for a shock as the roads leading to her home were pasted with her photos, and an obituary.

The body received from the hospital was later exhumed by the police and revenue officials and sent to the Chrompet general hospital.

DU: SPECIAL COMMITTEE SET UP FOR ADMISSION-RELATED ISSUES

Team Absolute | New Delhi

A committee has been constituted for redressal of complaints regarding admission of students in colleges affiliated to the Delhi University, officials said on Friday.

The admission process for the under-graduate as well as the post-graduate courses in the Delhi University would be starting from October.

Keeping this in mind, the Admission Committee of the student organisation CYSS has been formed in which senior professors and students of the Delhi University have been included. Chandramani Dev, president of student organisation CYSS, said that the students can send complaints regarding admission related problems through WhatsApp, and also raise them over telephone. Several phone numbers have been published on which admission related issues and problems can be discussed.

Some of the numbers that have been listed are that of Prof Hansraj Suman -- 9717114595; Prof Sangeeta Mittal -- 9717586587; Sonu Chaudhary -- 9905052529; Dhruv Gehlot -- 8076378293; Ravi Pandey -- 93195 49110; Sandeep Yadav -- 7982941393 etc. The students can also share and mention



their problems on e-mail.

Besides, the students can also raise their concerns on a WhatsApp number -- 8588833485. Hansraj Suman, president of Delhi Teachers Association has said that the students should complete their admission formalities from home. "By staying at home, the students can fill the admission form... in

case there is any problem, then they can get information on the given phone numbers or through WhatsApp," he said. "If the students face any problem related to any certificate or caste certificate, or if any kind of error happens during admission, they should first contact the college and if their problem is not resolved then they can contact on the given

numbers," he added. The professors who have been included in this special committee have been in the Delhi University's Central Admission Committee, Grievance Committee, SC, ST Admission Committee, SC, ST Cell Admission Committee, Admission Grievance Committee etc. for the last three decades.

MEA issues advisory for Indians in Canada amid rising hate crimes

New Delhi | Agencies

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Friday issued an advisory for Indian nationals in Canada in the wake of a "sharp increase in incidents of hate crimes, sectarian violence and anti-India activities in Canada".

The Ministry and the High Commission/Consulates General in Canada have "taken up these incidents with the Canadian authorities and requested them to investigate the said crimes and take appropriate action", the advisory said.

"The perpetrators of these crimes have not been brought to justice so far in Canada," it added.

In view of the increasing incidences of the said crimes, "Indian nationals and students from India in Canada and those proceeding to Canada for travel/education are advised to exercise due caution and remain vigilant". The advisory went on to mention that Indian nationals



and students from India in Canada may also register with the High Commission in Ottawa or Consulates General in Toronto and Vancouver through their respective websites, or

the MADAD portal madad.gov.in. "Registration would enable the High Commission and the Consulates General to better connect with Indian citizens in Canada in the

event of any requirement or emergency," it added.

One of two SC judges has RSS connections, says SGPC

Chandigarh | Agencies

Alleging that the Supreme Court's judgment regarding the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara (Management) (HSGMC) Act, 2014, was influenced by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) ideology, Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) president Harjinder Singh Dhali on Friday alleged that one of the two apex court judges who delivered the judgment was associated with the RSS.

Talking to mediapersons after holding the SGPC's Executive Committee meeting, Dhali alleged: "The Supreme Court judgment given by two judges regarding separate HSGMC Act is purely politically motivated and one judge among them has a direct association with the RSS. Therefore, this judgment is motivated by politi-



cal interests, in place of being the one of the Supreme Court's." The SGPC president said that he had "evidence" of one judge having an association with RSS and soon, his name would be publicised.

The Executive Committee of SGPC also rejected the Supreme Court's judgment of upholding the validity of the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara (Management) (HSGMC) Act, 2014, terming it politically motivated.

The meeting was held at Kalgidhar Nivas,

Chandigarh on Friday. The resolution clearly stated that the Gurdwara Act passed by the state government cannot affect the jurisdiction of SGPC, while the Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1925 is in force.

He said the SGPC's Executive Committee had decided to file a review petition on the Supreme Court's judgment on HSGMC Act and a special meeting of all the SGPC members has been called to discuss the future course of action at Amritsar on September 30, 2022.

SC stays probe against former Karnataka CM Yedi yurappa

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday stayed the investigation in an FIR lodged by the Lokayukta police against former Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in a corruption case in connection with the award of a Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) contract. Senior advocates Mukul Rohatgi and Siddharth Dave, representing Yediyurappa, contended before a bench headed by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud that the Karnataka High Court ignored the fact that it was mandatory to obtain prior sanction before issuing an order to register an FIR. The counsel, representing complainant activist T.J. Abraham, argued that prior sanction requirements had been dispensed with the latest amendment in law in connection with cases, which arise out of complaints filed under Section 156(3) of the Criminal Procedure Code.

HEAVY RAIN AFFECTS GURUGRAM, WATERLOGGING LEADS TO TRAFFIC SNARLS

Gurugram | Agencies

The incessant spell of light to moderate rain, which continued on the second day on Friday lead to heavy waterlogging in several areas of Gurugram, leading to massive traffic snarls at many places.

According to the district administration, Gurugram tehsil recorded 114 mm and Wazirabad tehsil recorded 130 mm of rainfall in two days till 7.30 a.m.

Rainwater entered the houses in Sheela Colony, Palam Vihar, Surat Nagar, Prem Nahar, Sector-14, Chakkarpur village, Natupur, DLF-3, Rajiv Nagar, Sanjay Gram and several other locations.

Multiple city roads, including state highways and the Delhi-Jaipur, were submerged in an average of three feet of water.

However, the district administration claimed that the rainwater has been flushed out from several locations but the traffic movement on the Delhi-Jaipur was severely hit due to rain.

Traffic movement on the Delhi-Jaipur-Mumbai highway was majorly hit due to waterlogging. The worst-hit areas are the Delhi-Jaipur



Expressway (NH-48) service lane near Hero Honda Chowk, IffCO Chowk, Jharsa Chowk, Sector-31, Narsinghpur, Sohna Road, Basai Chowk, Sohna Chowk, Sector 4-7-9, Hanuman Chowk, Atlas Chowk, Artemis Road, Kanhai Chowk, Golf Course Road, Vatika Chowk, Subhash Chowk, Baghtawar Chowk, Atul Kataria

Chowk, Kapashera border, Udyog Vihar, Jobhpura, Sadar Bazar, Mahavir Chowk, Dundaheera near Medanta underpass and Jawala Mill.

Apart from these areas, Sheela Mata Road, Sector-12 market Road, Sanjay Gram Road, Old Delhi Road, Palam Vihar Road, Kartepuri Chowk,

Sector-4 Road, Udyog Vihar and Signature Tower Chowk were also badly affected by the waterlogging. Both vehicular traffic and pedestrian movement were disrupted due to waterlogging on multiple stretches.

Despite the administration's work from home advisory, the traffic was badly affected and the police struggled to keep the vehicles moving. The policemen were seen standing in knee-deep water while struggling to keep the traffic going.

People also took to Twitter to post pictures and videos of their areas.

The rainwater has not only submerged in the city's main stretches, bus stand and connecting roads but also accumulated on the internal sector roads. The traffic police were quick to issue online alerts via Twitter about severely affected areas and deploy staff to clear the jams.

"Heavy rainfall affected the traffic movements in Gurugram, the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG), Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) and other concerned departments are on their task to flush out rainwater in the drainage with the help of pumps, fire tenders and other machinery," said a senior administration official.



DON'T HATE MUSLIMS, DON'T LIKE TERRORISTS: MISHRA

Team Absolute | Jabalpur

Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Dr. Narottam Mishra has said on the matter of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sarsanghchalak Dr. Mohan Bhagwat going to the Masjid that it has already been a clear thinking that there is no hatred for Muslims and terrorists are not well, we belong to any religion and religion. are not against.



Talking to reporters in Jabalpur, Dr. Mishra said that Dr. Bhagwat's visit to the mosque is a sign of the fact that we have been worshippers of Rahim and Raskhan, our culture has been that of Vasudev Kutumbakam from the very beginning.

STATE LEVEL SERVICE FORTNIGHT STARTED IN ENERGY LITERACY CAMPAIGN

Bhopal| Energy literacy campaign has been started by the state government from today to make the general public literate towards energy in the state. In the campaign, important information is being given to all sections of the society and the general public by making them aware about energy and its consumption.

On the first day of Seva Pakhwada, various programs were organized in all the districts, in which energy literacy programs were organized in the presence of students, public representatives, administrative officers. Energy saving pledge was administered to all the people present in the awareness program by the Energy Development Corporation in the auditorium of Subhash Excellence School, Bhopal.

IVF center to start in Hamidia Hospital

Team Absolute | Bhopal

IVF centre will commence in the new building of Hamidia Hospital in Bhopal. Its direct benefit will be given to the poor childless couples of the state. Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang made this announcement during the inspection of Sultania Hospital shifted to the new building of Hamidia Hospital.



IVF center will start in Obstetrics and Gynecology department. After the inspection of Hamidia Hospital, Minister Sarang said that IVF centre would be started in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Sultania Hospital, which was shifted to Hamidia Hospital. Through this centre, poor childless couples of the state would be benefited.

medical staff. With this, proper treatment of poor childless couples coming to the center can be ensured. Poor childless couples will get treatment at less cost Minister Sarang said that the process of IVF costs several lakhs. In such a situation, poor childless couples of the state will soon be able to get the benefits through IVF in Hamidia Hospital.

Minister Sarang directed to install signage in the hospital premises for the convenience of the patients. Minister Sarang interacts with relatives of patients Minister Sarang interacted with the relatives of the patients admitted in the new building of Hamidia Hospital and inquired about the well being of the patients.

BJP MP cleans toilet by hand

Team Absolute | Rewa

BJP MP from Rewa, Madhya Pradesh, Janardan Mishra has cleaned the toilet with his own hands. This video has also been shared by MP Mishra on his Twitter.



Seva Pakhwada is being celebrated on the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, under which a tree plantation program was organized in the Kanya Vidyalaya of Khatkari, Rewa.

has also been shared by MP Mishra on his Twitter handle. In the video of the MP that has gone viral, the MPs engaged in cleaning the toilet are holding a mug of water in one hand and are engaged in cleaning the seat with the other hand.

GEOGRAPHIC INDICATION OF INDIA IS SONE KI CHIDIYA: PADMASHREE RAJINIKANTH

Team Absolute | Bhopal

A one-day seminar on Geographic Indication (GI) organized by Vanya Prakashan of the Tribal Affairs Department at Kushabhau Thackeray International Center in Bhopal. In this seminar organized on the topic 'Geographic Indications Challenges and the Way Forward, Padmashree Rajinikanth, a GI expert from Delhi, said that the GI of India is the gold bird. This GI is also the soul of India and efforts are being made to preserve and enhance it.



Objective to provide employment and economic benefits through GI: Dr. Govil. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Pallavi Jain Govil, Principal Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department. Speaking on occasion, she said that this event was organized to take forward the effort to preserve the products, art and artifacts of the tribal society.

various government departments, artists, product manufacturers-sellers, etc. participated. GI Tagging of Madhya Pradesh's products. In the seminar, Meenakshi Singh, Deputy Secretary, Department of Tribal Affairs and Managing Director of Vanya, along with Dr. Tapan Kumar Raut of Textile Committee, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India signed GI tag applications for 7 products of Madhya Pradesh.

with the Textile Committee, an undertaking of the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India. Exhibition of Tribal and GI Tag Products. A small exhibition of tribal and other art products of Madhya Pradesh was also organized during the seminar.

with this, food products of tribal areas like Safed Musli, Kodo, Kutki and Kadki were also displayed. Participants in seminar. Participants from Textile Committee of Government of India, TRI, NABARD, TRIFED, TADP, Mpsat, University of Delhi, Handicrafts Development Corporation, National Law University, Feeds Law Chambers, Human Welfare Association etc. participated in the seminar.

Eligible citizens deprived of public welfare schemes are being given benefits in the camps

MUKHYA MANTRI JAN SEVA ABHIYAN HAS BEEN LAUNCHED IN THE STATE FROM SEPTEMBER 17, THE BIRTHDAY OF PRIME MINISTER MODI.

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In the first 6 days of the campaign, more than 45 thousand eligible people have been benefited under the public welfare schemes of the government by organising 8818 camps in urban and rural areas. CM Shivraj Singh

Chouhan reached the camps organised in the rural areas of Mandla, Ratlam, Shahdol, Umaria, Chhindwara and Dindori districts and distributed benefits to the villagers and also interacted with them. CM Chouhan has said that a campaign has been launched to provide the benefits of public welfare schemes of the Central and State Governments to those deprived citizens who, despite being eligible under the schemes, have not yet been able to take the benefits.

Nomination, partition and demarcation cases will also be resolved in the campaign. In the series of giving the benefits of beneficiary oriented schemes to the eligible persons in the Mukhya Mantri Jan Seva Abhiyan, the state government has also included the cases of nomination, partition, demarcation and map correction. Camps are being organised continuously in rural and urban areas of all the districts of the state under the Mukhya Mantri Jan Seva Abhiyan.

submitted by the general public. Till now maximum 24 thousand 807 applications have been resolved under Ayushman Bharat Yojana. The remaining applications received in the camps are being processed expeditiously by the concerned department so that proper benefits to the applicants could be given within the purview of the rules. In these camps organised in the campaign, officers of all departments are present and taking action on the applications of the general public and giving proper guidance to the applicants regarding getting benefits.

RETINA 2022 fest in AIIMS

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Given the hectic and fun filled activities all day long, peeps in the campus, students and professors alike, were just awaiting the events of the night to start. To just flow with the melody of the Sufis and the beats of the King. The band Adhirohah provided an unforgettable evening. The band accentuated the very theme of Retina - 'live the moment'.



show was an absolute hit. Next, the crowd quickly flocked over to the main stage to witness the beats of the King take over. The young rapper got everyone swaying and swooning to his catchy tunes and relatable lyrics.

Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati ji devoted his entire life for world welfare: CM Chouhan

CM SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN REACHED PARAMHANSI GANGA ASHRAM JHONTESTHWAR IN NARSINGHPUR DISTRICT ON FRIDAY. HE PAID FLORAL TRIBUTES AT THE SAMADHI OF BRAHMALIN SHANKARACHARYA SWAMI SWAROOPANAND SARASWATI JI AND TOOK PART IN THE SHRADDHANJALI SABHA.

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Chief Minister Chouhan prayed for the happiness, prosperity and good health of the people of the state at Rajarajeshwari Maa Tripurasundaridhere. Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati Ji is a confluence of knowledge, devotion and action (Triveni). CM Chouhan said that Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati ji was the confluence of the Triveni of knowledge, devotion and action. He had the knowledge of Vedas-Vedangas, Upanishads and the essence of Sanatan Dharma at an early age.



as a revolutionary saint. He has faced torture in prison. Swamiji always worked for the welfare of the poor, downtrodden, exploited and victims along with Vishwa Kalyan. Swamiji always had a feeling of compassion towards the poor and the downtrodden. He worked for the salvation of the soul and the welfare of the world. His penance and sadhana have energized this

area. He was constantly engaged in the welfare of the people and started many projects of service. Chief Minister Chouhan said that Shankaracharya always worked to awaken the country on issues like Uniform Civil Code, construction of Lord Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya and cow protection. Saluting at his feet, the Chief Minister said that Pujya Shankaracharya Ji Maharaj dedi-

cated his entire life for the victory of dharma, destruction of adharma, harmony among the living beings and the welfare of the world. Swami ji also worked for the welfare of the tribes whether it is Vishwa Kalyan Ashram in Jharkhand or in different states. He was always active in many service works including hospital, school, Sanskrit school.

CM Chouhan congratulates the state on receiving the "Best Emerging State in Millet Promotion" award



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Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has congratulated all the farmers, public representatives and officials on receiving the award for Madhya Pradesh as the leading emerging state among the states encouraging millet production. Chief Minister Shri Chouhan has said that Madhya Pradesh is actively participating in the efforts of

the Central Government to promote the cultivation of coarse cereals under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. As a result of these efforts, the state has been awarded "BEST EMERGING STATE IN MILLET PROMOTION". He said that Madhya Pradesh being honored with the award for leading emerging state in promotion of millet production is an encouraging achievement.

Advertisement for 'आशीष केटर्स न्यू रंगीला लाईट टेंट हाउस' (Ashish Caterers New Colorful Light Tent House) with contact information and services listed.



EDITOR'S SPECS

No endorsement for Cong Prez polls

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, who is most likely to contest the poll to elect the next Congress President scheduled to held on October 17, met interim party chief Sonia Gandhi here on Wednesday. In the meeting which lasted for nearly two hours, sources said Sonia Gandhi asserted that the polls will be fair and she will not endorse any candidate.

The sources said that the issue of Rajasthan in the event of Gehlot joining national politics was also discussed, but their is no official word on it yet. Gehlot is tipped to file his nomination next week for the Congress President's post; however, he is reportedly reluctant to leave the Chief Minister's chair in Rajasthan. Gehlot, who arrived in the national capital on Wednesday morning, had told the media ahead of the meeting that he will not back out from any responsibility. "I will not back out from any responsibility and will serve the party wherever and in whichever capacity I am required in this hour of crisis," he said. However, Gehlot also said that the party wants Rahul Gandhi to take over as the next Congress President. Gehlot also dropped hint that he can manage the posts of both the party chief and Chief Minister of Rajasthan simultaneously. The Rajasthan Chief Minister said he is not aspiring for any post, but wants to work towards ousting the 'fascist' BJP government. Meanwhile, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on Wednesday arrived at the AICC office here to check the delegates' list ahead of the issuance of notification for the Congress presidential polls, as he is also expected to file his nomination for the top post next week.

PERMANENT CAPITAL: ANSWER TO INDIA'S \$10 TRILLION ECONOMY

Poornima Vardhan And Taponeel Mukherjee

The development and expansion of Indian enterprises, especially in terms of improving capital use efficiency, can benefit from understanding global trends in money management and business efficiency.

The one trend that has been in focus throughout the asset management industry, especially the private equity world, is "permanent capital". This is broadly defined as access to funds for long periods instead of the usual seven to ten-year fund horizon that has been the norm in the private equity industry. Permanent capital funds focus less on exiting investments in a defined period - and the emphasis is more on generating potential long-run investment returns.

Investors have generated permanent capital through a variety of strategies. Some large investors, such as Blackstone, Apollo & KKR, have utilised Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) to generate capital they can invest strategically. Apollo has also generated permanent capital through investing, and managing assets for a retirement solution focused annuity business called "Athene", which, through its annuity business, generates significant cash that Apollo has utilised to generate returns.

Permanent Capital Vehicles' (PCVs) growing popularity, in large part, was inspired by Warren Buffett. As the head of one PE firm was quoted by Financial Times, "everyone is suffering from Warren Buffett envy". Specifically, Berkshire Hathaway's buy-and-hold investment strategy, wherein every investment is viewed as an acquisition in a company rather than a mere trade. As such, the investment is considered a vote of confidence in the company's

prospects and a long-term commitment to helping it achieve the same. As Buffett himself once famously noted, his "favourite holding period is forever".

While Berkshire Hathaway may be the most celebrated name in the PCV space, it is by no means the only one. Market Corporation, Danaher, Apollo, ThermoFisher, KKR and Johnson & Johnson are other examples - and the list is growing.

So how will Permanent Capital help India in the next decade?

The success of nations/economies depends on access to high-quality growth and low-cost capital. While India will enjoy high growth due to favourable demographic and economic factors, access to the low cost of capital will be critical. As the world heads toward high inflation and high-interest rates, the ability to make India an attractive destination for global capital is a must. The Indian government has been making a huge push in this direction. Government-led economic planning platforms, such as the development of GIFT City and the International Financial Service Centre (IFSC) in Gujarat, have already been created. There is a significant push to create a more open and conducive regulatory scheme and simpler tax structure. With Permanent Capital, India will have the advantage of accessing global investments while generating long-term returns for investors.

Permanent capital allows prioritising value and steady long-term returns over risky one-time buyouts that may be adversely impacted by unpredictable market cycles. Long-term value creation will help generate significant



returns. - With higher degree of permanent capital, it will allow Indian businesses and investors to access opportunities for longer periods, ride out periods of high market volatility and, most importantly, acquire assets at attractive valuations when rivals cannot do so due to unfavourable market conditions or internal distress. - With permanent capital, Indian companies can pursue essential high-growth-high-return projects that may yield significant investment returns in the future. - For investors looking toward emerging markets such as India, PCVs are essential, especially in the context of relatively lesser secondary market liquidity, longer investment horizons for value generation and smaller size of debt capital

markets. Using PCVs to hold on to investments longer for value creation could be a vital factor. - Most importantly, stable cash flows via permanent capital can help shield India from adverse market conditions and businesses from the adverse funding conditions and assist a company in acquiring valuable assets across the industry. Over the past decade, long-term investing has garnered more takers, especially in the aftermath of the Great Recession, following which economic growth, especially in developed countries, was muted. The usual buy-and-sell-quickly strategy was becoming less viable. Case in point: a quarter of buyout firms worldwide never raised a fund post-2008.

As the capital markets and businesses in India evolve, winners and losers in highly competitive markets will be determined by various factors, including sources of funds. Both the quality and quantity of funding available will be one of the fundamental factors determining long-term winners. Permanency of capital offers some essential insights into improving one's competitiveness.

(The views expressed in this article are personal and that of the authors. The authors, Poornima Vardhan and Taponeel Mukherjee, head AltG, a firm that Offers Proprietary Investment Research)

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NUKE-POWERED US AIRCRAFT CARRIER ARRIVES IN S.KOREA

Seoul | New York

A nuclear-powered US aircraft carrier arrived in South Korea on Friday for its first combined drills after five years, as Washington and Seoul are striving to reinforce deterrence against evolving North Korean military threats.

The USS Ronald Reagan docked at ROK Fleet Command in Busan, 390 km south of Seoul, amid worries about the possibility of the North staging a nuclear test or other provocations, reports Yonhap News Agency.

The arrival of the carrier, a centerpiece of America's naval might, came after Presidents Yoon Suk-yeol and Joe Biden reaffirmed their commitment to deploy US strategic assets in a "timely and coordinated manner as necessary" during their summit in Seoul in May.

"The deployment of the carrier here is designed to demonstrate the robustness of the South Korea-U.S. alliance, and deter North Korea's nuclear and missile threats," a Seoul official told Yonhap News Agency on condition of anonymity. Its carrier strike group consists of three vessels -- the Nimitz-class carrier; USS Chancellorsville, a Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser; and USS



Barry, an Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer.

The three warships plan to join the combined drills off South Korea's east coast later this month.

The nuclear-powered USS Annapolis submarine is also expected to take part.

Commissioned in July 2003, the 97,000-tonne, 333-meter-long Ronald Reagan is America's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier.

Since 2015, the super-carrier has been based in the Japanese city of Yokosuka,

which is home to the US 7th Fleet. It can carry over 5,000 sailors as well as formidable on-board assets, including F/A-18E Super Hornets, and E-2D Hawkeye early warning and control aircraft.

The strike group sails with 33 partners and allies for bilateral or multilateral maritime exercises and operations, according to the US Navy.

In 2021, the carrier was deployed to support the withdrawal of US troops and others from Afghanistan.

23 CHINESE NATIONALS MISSING AFTER BOAT CAPSIZES IN CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh: At least 23 Chinese nationals were missing after a boat capsized in Cambodia, Beijing's Embassy in Phnom Penh confirmed on Friday.

The Embassy said that it received a notification from the Cambodian Police Department on Thursday night, saying that the boat carried a total of 40 Chinese nationals on board, of which 18 were rescued following the accident, reports Xinhua news agency.

Two Cambodian crew members involved have been arrested.

According to the rescued persons, the boat had departed from Guangzhou on September 11 and were in distress shortly after arriving in the waters of Preah Sihanouk province. The rescue and search operation is currently underway.

Regulation passed to protect Great Wall of China's oldest section

Beijing | Agencies

Authorities in China's Shandong province has passed a regulation for the protection of the Great Wall of Qi, the oldest existing section of the Unesco World Heritage Site.

Lawmakers approved the regulation at the 38th session of the Standing Committee of the 13th Shandong Provincial People's Congress on Wednesday, and it will take effect on January 1, 2023, reports Xinhua news agency.

The Great Wall of Qi, with a total length of 641 km, was built during the Spring and Autumn Period (770 B.C.-476 B.C.) and the Warring States Period (475 B.C.-221 B.C.).

The new regulation specifies the responsibilities of various departments, and emphasizes regional cooperation on the protection and utilization of the Great Wall of Qi.

It states that local governments will establish a dynamic conservation system using remote sensing satellites, drones, information platforms and other technological means to monitor the Great Wall, its related infrastructures and the surrounding environment.

Tourism services featuring the Great Wall will be further standardised to balance protection and development, according to the



regulation. The protection situation of the Great Wall of Qi faces many challenges, and therefore, it is necessary to provide a solid legal guarantee for its conservation efforts, said Qi Yan'an, an official with the provincial justice department.

According to the Unesco, the Great Wall was continuously built from the 3rd century B.C. to the 17th century A.D. on the northern border of the country as the great military defence project of successive Chinese Empires, with a total length of more than 20,000 km.

The Great Wall begins in the east at Shanhaiguan in Hebei province and ends at Jiayuguan in Gansu province to the west.

Its main body consists of walls, horse tracks, watch towers, and shelters on the wall, and includes fortresses and passes along the Wall.

Australia's east coast sees flash floods, rescue ops underway

Sydney | Agencies

Australian states of Queensland and New South Wales (NSW) have witnessed flash floods with severe weather warnings issued, with emergency services conducting multiple rescues.

The NSW State Emergency Service (SES) has been conducting rescues in the northern part of the state where flash floods occurred after over 200 mm of rainfall fell overnight, reports Xinhua news agency. The NSW SES conducted 14 flood rescues since Thursday morning, with over 190 calls for assistance.

Meanwhile, Queensland has seen parts of the Gold Coast receive over 300 mm rainfall with the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) issuing multiple flood warnings throughout the state's southeast. The heavy rain also forced a campground in Helensvale near Gold



Coast to be evacuated in the middle of the night. NSW SES Commissioner Carlene York said that they are preparing for all scenarios. "We have pre-deployed personnel, high clearance vehicles and aviation assets to the Port Macquarie and Lismore areas and local units are on the ground ready to help their communities." "The number of flood rescues continue to rise with people being trapped in their vehicles. We are again reminding people to monitor road conditions and if you should come across flood-affected roads, make the safe decision, turn around and find an alternate route," York said.

Boeing to pay \$200mn to settle charges over misleading investors about 737 MAX

Chicago | Agencies

US aerospace major Boeing will pay \$200 million and its former CEO will pay \$1 million to settle charges over misleading investors after the two deadly crashes involving 737 MAX planes, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said.

The crashes of Lion Air Flight 610 in October 2018 and Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 in March 2019 involved the 737 MAX airplane and a flight control function called the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System, reports Xinhua news agency.



According to the SEC's orders, after the first crash, Boeing and then Chief Executive Officer Dennis Muilenburg knew that system posed an ongoing airplane safety issue, but nevertheless

assured the public that the 737 MAX plane was "as safe as any that has ever flown the skies".

Later, following the second crash, Boeing and Muilenburg assured the public that there were no slips or gaps in the cer-

tification process with respect to the system, despite being aware of contrary information.

"In times of crisis and tragedy, it is especially important that public companies and executives provide full, fair, and truthful disclosures to the markets," SEC Chair Gary Gensler said in a statement.

"The Boeing Company and its former CEO, Dennis Muilenburg, failed in this most basic obligation," Gensler said. "They misled investors by providing assurances about the safety of the 737 MAX, despite knowing about serious safety concerns."

"Boeing and Muilenburg put profits over people by mislead-

ing investors about the safety of the 737 MAX all in an effort to rehabilitate Boeing's image following two tragic accidents that resulted in the loss of 346 lives and incalculable grief to so many families," said Gurbir S. Grewal, director of the SEC's enforcement division.

The SEC's orders against Boeing and Muilenburg find that they negligently violated the anti-fraud provisions of federal securities laws.

Without admitting or denying the SEC's findings, Boeing and Muilenburg consented to cease-and-desist orders that include penalties of \$200 million and \$1 million, respectively.



PREPARE PLAN TO REPAIR POTHOLE ROADS IN MUMBAI: BOMBAY HC TO BMC

The Bombay High Court has asked Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) to prepare a roadmap to repair 20 worst pothole-ridden roads in Mumbai by next week.

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Chief Justice of Bombay High Court Dipankar Dutta-led division bench came down heavily on BMC for the issue of potholes on Mumbai roads and said that the cash-rich BMC should spend money for the public good and do something about pothole-riddled roads across the city.

Justice Dutta and Justice Madhav Jamdar's division bench was hearing a petition on the issue concerning the bad condition of roads in Mumbai and other parts of the state, especially the roads riddled with potholes which are causing loss of lives on a frequent basis.

"BMC is a cash-rich municipality and it should spend its money for the



public good and do something about potholes on Mumbai roads, the bench observed.

The division bench also directed BMC Commissioner Iqbal Chahal to meet them any day next week, as per his own convenience.

"Till then the BMC Commissioner through his officers has to do a survey of 20 worst roads in Mumbai and then Commissioner BMC Chahal would have to give a specific road map that by when the tenders will be floated and by when the repairs of the roads will be complete," the HC observed. The High Court was also unhappy over the issue that there was no action taken against the contractor who was given a contract for the repair and maintenance of these roads.

BOMBAY HC PERMITS SHIV SENA (THACKERAY) TO HOLD DUSSEHRA RALLY AT SHIVAJI PARK

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The Bombay High Court on Friday granted Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena permission to hold a Dussehra rally at the Shivaji Park ground in Mumbai. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) had earlier denied permission for the rally to both the Uddhav Thackeray faction and the rival faction led by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde citing law and order concerns.

A division bench of Justices R D Dhanuka and Kamal Khata allowed the petition filed by the Thackeray-led Sena faction and its secretary Anil Desai challenging the Mumbai civic body's order refusing them permission.

The Bombay High Court observed the Mumbai Civic body misused its powers in deciding the application of petitioners. "In our view,



BMC's order rejecting the application citing law and order is a clear abuse of process of the law. It is not the corporation's case that in the last seven decades there was a law and order situation."

The high court allowed the Thackeray-led party to use the ground from October 2 to October 6 while asking it to maintain law and order.

Shortly after the high court order, Maharashtra education minister and spokesper-

son for the Shinde camp Deepak Kesarkar told media, that it was not a setback as "whatever the court decides is binding on everybody."

"We will be holding it somewhere else," he said urging people from all over Maharashtra to join the annual Dussehra rally.

Shiv Sena MP Priyanka Chaturvedi welcomed the high court's decision and said she was "grateful to the high court for upholding the truth."

Jacqueline's stylist admits taking Rs 3 Cr from Con Man Chandrashekhar: Report

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Jacqueline Fernandez has been making headlines for a long time now due to her alleged involvement in Rs 200 crore extortion case which also involves conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar. The actress has been quizzed multiple times by the Enforcement Directorate and Delhi Police in relation to the case. Recently, the actress' stylist Leepakshi Ellawadi was also questioned and if reports are to be believed, she admitted collecting Rs 3 crores from Sukesh during the interrogation.

As reported by timesnownews.com, Leepakshi Ellawadi revealed that Sukesh had given her Rs 3 crores to buy clothes and gifts for Jacqueline. However, the stylist also clarified that Jacqueline broke all her ties with Sukesh Chandrashekhar right after he was arrested.

"He contacted Ellawadi last year to know about the brands and types of clothing preferred by Fernandez. He took suggestions from her and also handed over Rs. 3 crore to



her to buy her favourite clothes. The entire amount received by Chandrashekhar was spent by Ellawadi to purchase gifts for Fernandez," an official said.

NHSRCL invited bids to construct India's First Undersea Tunnel for bullet train

Team Absolute | Mumbai

National High Speed Railway Corporation Limited or NHSRCL has invited bids for the construction of a 21-km-long tunnel, seven km of which will be under the sea, for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor.

As per sources, the work on the bullet train corridor has gained momentum after the change in government in Maharashtra, with tenders, which were previously floated and withdrawn, being renewed again.

Considered the highlight of the project, the tunnel will be built between the underground station at Bandra-Kurla Complex and Silphata in Thane district of Maharashtra.



The tunnel will be built using tunnel boring machine and the New Austrian Tunneling Method (NATM), according to the tender document. The seven-km undersea tunnel at Thane Creek will be the first undersea tunnel to come up in the country.

In November last year, NHSRCL had invited bids for underground tunnelling works for the project. But it was cancelled this year with officials citing "administrative reasons". In 2019, NHSRCL had first invited tenders for the project but didn't attract any bidder. It again floated tenders in November 2021. Land acquisition for the project in Maharashtra, including at Bandra-Kurla Complex, had been a festering issue during the previous state government, sources informed.

G-23 IS OVER BUT PRESIDENT MUST BE FULLTIME: PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN

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We can raise our voice if there's a problem with the democratic process,"

Chavan added. He pointed towards one such thing - state units asking interim chief Sonia Gandhi to choose their presidents and asking Rahul Gandhi to retake the top post. "Why do that? The election process should be strengthened instead," he said. The Maharashtra unit, of which Chavan is a senior member, passed those resolutions too.

"If Rahul Gandhi wants to contest even today, we welcome him, if he fills the form," said Mr Chavan, on Ashok Gehlot reconfirming today that Gandhi won't contest. "He's been firm on that. I don't know why some thought he was bluffing."

"We were never against a family - that's nonsense," Mr Chavan further said, "We just wanted that whoever is the chief must come through elections and be available to meet people. Sonia Gandhi accepted both those demands."



He opposed Gehlot's desire to keep his position in Rajasthan and be party chief: "He is a senior leader, a good leader. We are yet to decide whether to support him or not. But if he insists on being on both the posts, then we will oppose. Is Congress President a part-time job? Is Chief Minister a part-time job?"

"It seemed he wanted to be chief for two-three months, and then resign once Rahul Gandhi

returns from the Bharat Jodo Yatra, at which the Congress Working Committee would have no option other than Rahul Gandhi. But I think that matter is settled now. The last word has been uttered," he added.

Ashok Gehlot indeed appears to have come around after Rahul Gandhi, too, nixed his two-post desire by citing the party's 'one man-one post' policy. Gehlot has said Sonia Gandhi and state in-

charge Ajay Maken would decide on his successor, amid speculation that his younger rival Sachin Pilot may take the Rajasthan post.

Elections to party chief's post are being held after 22 years, set to end in a non-Gandhi president.

The other main contender is Shashi Tharoor, who was part of the G-23. Manish Tewari from that group is reported to be interested too.

Chavan said: "You guys gave this name (G-23). We wrote a secret letter (to Sonia Gandhi in 2020) that became public. I think our task is over once demands have been accepted, though after two years. We did not have any parallel group."

"A lot of people saw it otherwise... called us agents of the BJP. Some left too. We were only speaking up to strengthen the Congress," he said.

Of the G-23, Ghulam Nabi Azad was the latest to formally leave, while some others have protested by quitting party positions.

Aamir's daughter Ira Khan gets engaged to boyfriend Nupur Shikahre



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Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan's daughter Ira Khan got engaged to her boyfriend Nupur Shikahre.

Ira, who has been dating Nupur for over two years now, took to Instagram where she shared a video from a cycling event. In the clip, Ira is seen standing at the stands. Nupur, dressed in cycling gear, comes up to her,

goes down on his knees and pulls out a ring.

Nupur asks Ira: "Will you marry me?", to which she happily responds "Yes!"

The two seal the deal with a kiss, while her friends and the crowd cheer for the couple.

Ira is Aamir's daughter from his first wife Reena Dutt, with whom he got separated in 2002. They also have a son named Junaid together.

SIBLINGS LOST THEIR WAY REUNITED WITH PARENTS IN AMBIVILI

Mumbai: Three siblings in the 5-10 age group who left home in the Ambivili area of Maharashtra's Thane district and were loitering at the local railway station after getting lost were reunited with their parents by police, an official said on Friday.

The children, including two girls, had left home on Thursday when their parents had gone out to work and reached Ambivili railway station, Inspector Avinash Andale of Kalyan railway police said.

"A woman constable and a Railway Protection Force personnel spotted them. The three told them they had lost their way after leaving home. The woman constable took the help of a social worker and traced the mother, who works as a domestic help in the area," he said.

The incident comes amid rumours in the Thane-Palghar belt about the presence of child lifters, though police have denied there has been any case of a minor getting abducted in the two districts.

Eknath Shinde met Amit Shah late at night, discussed the development of the state

Team Absolute | New Delhi/Mumbai

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde is on Delhi tour. He has met Union Home Minister Amit Shah late night. It is believed that many important issues of Maharashtra have been discussed in their meeting. Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde was on a Delhi visit with some of his ministers. Late on Thursday night, Eknath Shinde suddenly reached to meet Home Minister Amit Shah. The conversation between the two lasted for about 40 minutes. It is being told that Eknath Shinde was scheduled to return to Mumbai on the night of 21st, but the tour was extended to meet Amit Shah.

After meeting Amit Shah, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said that he had a courtesy call. Many issues including the development of the state have been discussed. Actually, there is a constant tussle between Eknath Shinde and Uddhav Thackeray faction. Both sides are face to face on many issues including Dussehra rally and Vedanta project. In such a situation, the market of discus-



sions is hot due to this meeting with Amit Shah late at night.

If sources are to be believed, this meeting of Amit Shah and Eknath Shinde is also being linked to the election symbol of Shiv Sena running in the Election Commission and the matter of claim on the party. In fact, on September 27, an important hearing is going to be held in the Supreme Court regarding this matter. According to sources, the issue has also been discussed between the two leaders.

Court rejects Varavara Rao's plea to go to Hyderabad for Eye surgery

Team Absolute | Mumbai

A special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court in Mumbai on Friday rejected the plea of poet-activist Varavara Rao, an accused in the Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case, seeking permission to travel to Hyderabad for cataract surgery.

The Supreme Court had, in August, granted medical bail to the 82-year old activist, with his bail conditions being set by the special NIA court presiding over the case.

Among the bail conditions laid down for Rao, who was arrested on August 28, 2018 from his Hyderabad residence in the case, was that he would reside within the limits of Greater Mumbai and not leave the city without prior permission of the NIA court.

On Friday, Rao sought permission to travel to Hyderabad for three months for cataract surgery and post surgical care formalities. As per his application, the poet-activist has cataract in both eyes and the condition requires operation and treatment.



The plea was rejected by Special Judge RN Rokade.

Meanwhile, another accused, Mahesh Raut, also moved an application for medical treatment. The court directed the jail superintendent to provide necessary medical aid and to refer the accused to a government hospital if required. The court also received a letter from Taloja Central Prison in neighboring Navi Mumbai regarding misbehaviour of accused Sagar Gorkhe. The case relates to alleged inflamma-

tory speeches made at the Elgar Parishad conclave held in Pune on December 31, 2017, which the police claimed triggered violence the next day near the Koregaon Bhima war memorial on the outskirts of the western Maharashtra city.

Pune police had claimed the conclave was organised by people with Maoist links and had lodged a case on January 8, 2018 under various sections of Indian Penal Code and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.



My mistakes led me to "A PATH OF QUESTIONING", and helped me learn: Gwyneth Paltrow

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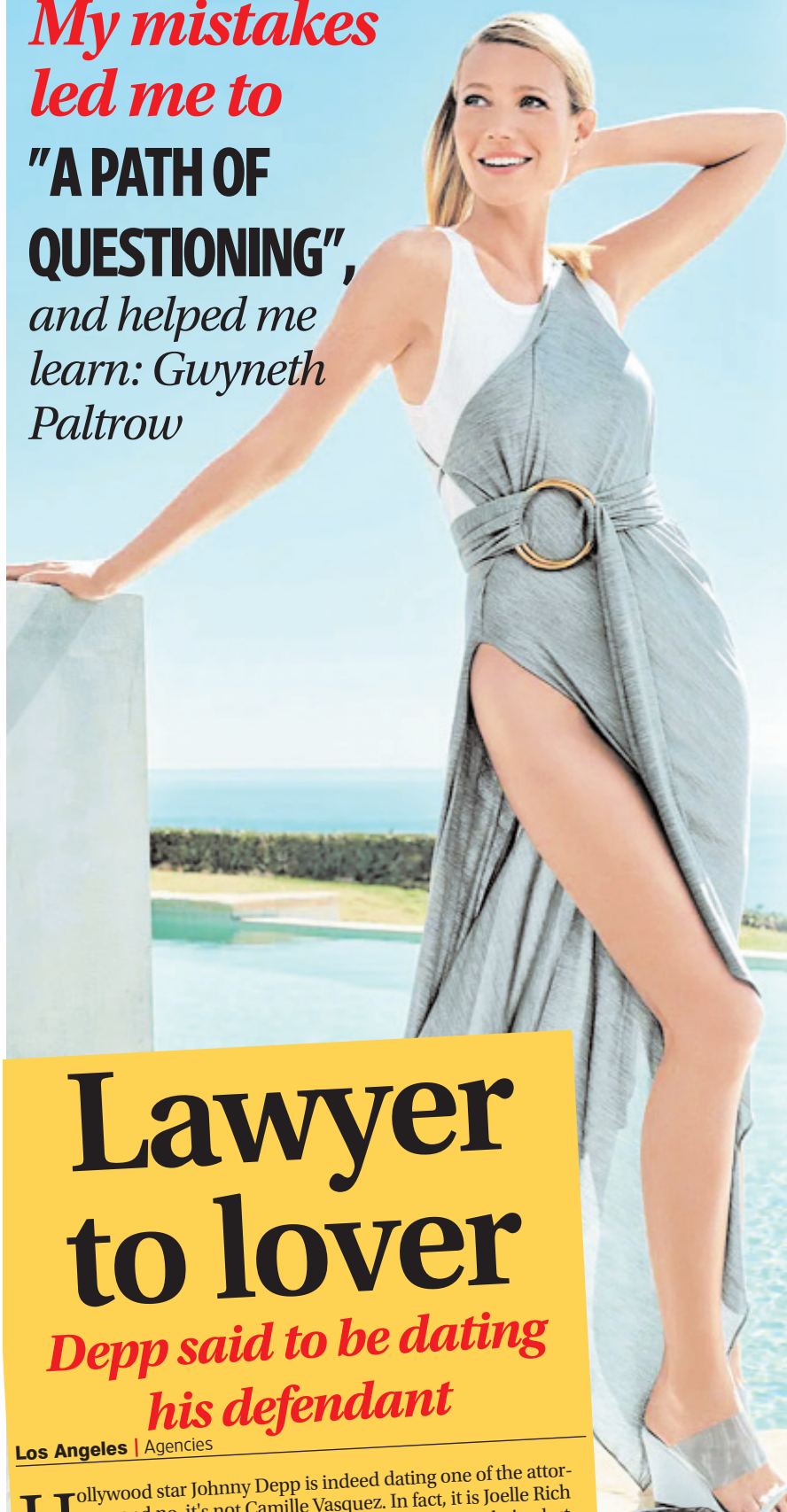
Hollywood actress Gwyneth Paltrow has opened up about her upcoming 50th birthday in a candid essay in which she said that she has 'hurt people' and 'betrayed' herself. The 'Sliding Doors' star will mark the milestone on September 27 and she has decided to look back over her life in a letter written for her Goop lifestyle brand in which she looked back over her past mistakes and vowed to learn from them and move on as she looks to the future.

She wrote: "I have hurt people, never intentionally, but I have done so just the same. I have let people down by not being who they needed me to be. I have betrayed myself to keep the peace..."

"I have crossed lines, the thoughts of which sometimes rip me from sleep and suspend me into the hollowness of shame for a long, dark night. Most regretfully, and so often, I have not spoken my truth to spare some perceived consequence, that hurting someone will tear us both apart."

"My most lasting mistakes and the mess that comes with them have all stemmed from me not standing fully in my truth and speaking from it, come what may." She explained that her mistakes led her to "a path of questioning" which has helped her learn and she revealed she has given similar advice to her two children, Apple, and Moses, from her marriage to Chris Martin.

The actress revealed that she has urged her kids to trust their instincts and make decisions based on their feelings when it comes to relationships.



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Actress Charlize Theron has "never had a level of fame" like reality TV star Kim Kardashian. In an interview, the actress explained that she has never experienced global attention to the same degree as the reality TV star despite her success.

The star, who has enjoyed a career in film for more than 25 years and won an Academy Award, said: "I feel like I'm at a place where it is what it is. Working more isn't, I think, going to change my level of fame. I've never been one of those people that's at a Kim Kardashian level. But I feel like it's just always been this thing."

However, the actress, who is currently single but has adoptive daughters Jackson and August, went on to explain that fame opened doors for her in the way her notoriety allowed her to pursue the roles she wanted but these days it is motherhood that means more to her.

She said that: "I will say, back in the day, it used to be like, you want to have some of this fame so you can go make the s**t that you really want to make."

"But now it's like, I pitch s**t all day long and people are like, 'No, thanks'. I'm like, 'I guess that's not cash in the bank anymore'. And that's nice. It's nice that you're making things on the merit of how good they are versus this idea of, like, 'Oh, you're this thing, and we want to be in business with that thing'."

"When my kids say, 'Mom, nobody makes pasta better than you', nothing gets close to that. I don't ever need them to be like, 'Oh, you're in that movie!'"

Charlize Theron claims she's not as famous as Kim Kardashian

Lawyer to lover

Depp said to be dating his defendant

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Hollywood star Johnny Depp is indeed dating one of the attorneys and no, it's not Camille Vasquez. In fact, it is Joelle Rich the attorney from Depp's UK libel case. "They are dating but it's not serious," reports a magazine. Rich is a London lawyer who was on 59-year-old Depp's legal team during his libel case against 'The Sun', which he lost in November 2020.

He sued the newspaper for calling him a "wife-beater," but the court upheld the outlet's claims as being "substantially true" and his ex-wife Amber Heard testified to back up the claims. According to the magazine, in March 2021, his attempt to overturn the decision was overruled.

Depp's new romantic interest was not among his lawyers in this year's defamation case against Heard, that was in Fairfax County, Virginia.

He won that case; a jury found that Heard defamed him in her 2018 Washington Post op-ed about domestic violence, though she didn't mention him by name. Depp was awarded more than \$10 million in damages, and Heard, meanwhile, won one of her three defamation countersuit claims and was awarded \$2 million. (They are both appealing the verdicts.)

People further states that though Rich was not on Depp's legal team this time, she did make several court appearances to show support.

According to her bio, Rich "helps individuals and families in the public eye protect their privacy and reputations" and has "expertise in libel, privacy and copyright disputes". She "works to defend (clients') reputations against false and defamatory allegations in print, online and on social media". Her firm represented Meghan Markle in a case against the publishers of the Mail on Sunday last year as well.

I 'always' go for a mammogram in my birth month: Liz Hurley

Los Angeles | Agencies

Actress Elizabeth Hurley 'always' schedules a mammogram around her birthday as she continues to urge women to get themselves checked for breast cancer. The actress had worked with late Evelyn Lauder - who was the daughter-in-law of cosmetics businesswoman Esee Lauder - on health campaigns for more than two decades when she succumbed to breast cancer back in 2011 and is reminded to "think" about getting a checkup on her own breasts around the month of June. She said: "She made me promise to have regular mammograms after that, and to always think of them in June, my birth month, which I do."

The star went on to explain that she feels most proud when she has been able to use her social media platforms to encourage women to go for a check-up. She said "When people come up to me and say, 'I saw your Instagram post about checking your breasts. I checked myself and found a lump and went to the doctor and was diagnosed with cancer. But I've been treated, and I'm okay.'"

"Those are the achievements that really tick the boxes. Some people will still think breast cancer is a death sentence, whereas in fact, we know it's 90 per cent curable if found early. People need to know that. They also need to know that if they ignore it, if they don't self check, if they don't have regular mammograms when they're of suitable age, it could still be very bad. It's not rosy."



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Singer Adam Levine is set to perform with his band Maroon 5 for a show in Las Vegas next month as allegations about that he flirted with multiple women. Levine and his band are scheduled to perform at The Shaquille O'Neal Foundation's annual fundraising gala "The Event" that will take place on October 1 at the MGM Grand. According to local newspaper, the show will go on as planned regardless the negative headlines about the group's frontman. Sources say that there will be no red carpet at the event, so Adam won't be grilled by reporters.

He is additionally set to move forward with other professional commitments he's already made, including the Maroon 5 world tour, with stops all over Asia through the end of the year, as well as one final New Year's Eve show in Palm Springs. The whole thing blew up after Summer Stroh claimed in a TikTok video that she and Adam had a relationship for about a year, when he's already married to Behati Prinsloo. Levine later issued a statement denying that he had "an affair," but admitted to showing "poor judgement" and that he "crossed the line." However, more women have since come forward with similar stories. Most recently, a 21-year-old girl from Alabama said that Adam sent her flirty messages almost daily and often replied to photos of her working out, knowing that she's still in college. Levine's wife Behati, who is currently pregnant with their third child, has not responded to the cheating allegations. The pair, however, have been putting on a united front on their recent outings, even flaunting PDA when they ran errands.

CHEATING SCANDAL

Adam Levine is all set to perform Amid



ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Bella Thorne



BCCI PLANNING TO ORGANISE IPL AUCTION AHEAD OF 2023 SEASON IN MID-DECEMBER: REPORT

Mumbai | Agencies

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is planning to organise the Indian Premier League (IPL) auction ahead of the 2023 season in mid-December this year.

A report in Cricbuzz says the date for IPL auction is likely to be December 16. It also added that the tentative schedule for 2023 IPL season has been discussed amongst franchisees who were indicated of the same through informal conversations with authorities in BCCI and IPL.

"Understandably, it will be a mini-auction but the venue has not yet been finalised. Dates for the league are still not known but it is likely to start in the fourth week of March with the home and away format restored," said the report.

The report also said that the salary purse for the player auction will be Rs 95 crores, which is five crores more from last year's auction. "Which means each team will have reserves of at least Rs 5 crore to start with. The purse can further swell if a franchise releases its players or trades them," added the report.

In terms of personnel, with speculations rife about all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja and four-time champions Chennai Super Kings parting ways, there were reports that there might be a trade between the franchise and current champions Gujarat Titans for Jadeja and opener Shubman Gill, which both teams have denied.

There have also been trade requests from others, including 2020 IPL runners-up Delhi Capitals. But the report cited CSK management saying that it has no plans to part ways with Jadeja, who is recovering from right knee surgery and won't be a



part of India's squad for Men's T20 World Cup in Australia next month. The report added that the Titans got requests for trade of leg-spin all-rounder Rahul Tewatia and left-arm spinner R Sai Kishore, but they declined the offers. "The transfer/trade window will remain open till one week before the auction and will re-open after it," concluded the report. BCCI President Sourav Ganguly had recently written to state units that IPL 2023 will revert back to usual home and away format,

something which hadn't happened in last three editions due to Covid-19 pandemic. "The next season of men's IPL will also go back to the home and away format with all 10 teams playing their home matches at their designated venues."

On the women's IPL, the BCCI is currently working on the much-awaited Women's IPL. We are expecting to start the first season early next year. More details on this will follow in due course."

2nd T20I

India beat Australia, square series 1-1

Nagpur | Agencies

Skipper Rohit Sharma blasted a 20-ball 46 not out as India defeated Australia by six wickets in the second T20I truncated to eight-over-a-side due to wet outfield at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium at Jamtha here on Friday, levelling the three-match series 1-1.

With India chasing a target of 91 in a match delayed by two hours and 30 minutes, Rohit came out with aggressive intent and blasted Josh Hazlewood for two back-to-back sixes in the first over. He continued in the same vein as he ended with 46 runs off 20 balls, hitting four fours and four sixes.

Adam Zampa caused a big scare in the Indian dressing room as he sent back Virat Kohli (5) and Suryakumar Yadav (0) off successive balls but Rohit steadied the nerves as he continued to score runs from the other end. Dinesh Karthik delivered a six and a four off two deliveries in the eighth and final over as India romped to a six-wicket win.



Earlier, Matthew Wade continued to prove a thorn in the side for India in the ongoing series as he blasted an unbeaten 43 off 20 deliveries to help Australia post 90/5 in eight overs in the match truncated due to a wet outfield.

The results (finals):
Australia 90/5 in 8 overs (Aaron Finch 31, Matthew Wade 43 not out; Axar Patel 2/13, Jasprit Bumrah 1/13) lost to India 92/4 in 7.2 overs (Rohit Sharma 46 not out, Dinesh Karthik 10 not out; Adam Zampa 3/16) by six wickets

Pan Pacific Open

Zhang Shuai storms into semis, to face Samsonova

Tokyo | Agencies

Two days after saving match point and withstanding a barrage of 27 aces from No 2 seed Caroline Garcia, No 28 Zhang Shuai on Friday booked her place in the semi-finals of the Pan Pacific Open with a 7-5, 6-2 win over Petra Martic, here.

Playing Tokyo for the first time in over a decade, Zhang is now into her third semifinal of the season. Earlier this year, she captured her third career singles title in Lyon and made the final in Birmingham.

The 33-year-old came into the fall season after a successful summer hard court season, which saw her make back-to-back quarterfinals in Cincinnati and Cleveland before making her first US Open Round of 16.

Zhang came into the quarterfinals looking for her first ever win over Martic. The Croatian had beaten her twice on hard courts. In their last match at 2019 Miami, Martic lost just three games.

Zhang was able to break open the match after Martic went 1 for 5 on break points in the first set. In contrast, Zhang saw only two break



points in the opener but converted both times.

From 5-5 in the first set, Zhang reeled off seven straight games before Martic got on the board at 5-1. She closed out the win on her fifth match point after 1 hour and 22 minutes.

The victory is Zhang's 34th of the season, more than double her 2021 tally of 15. She is the first Chinese player to advance to the Tokyo semifinals since Li Na in 2009.

Zhang will face Liudmila Samsonova for a spot in her third final of the season.

Federer to team with Nadal for final match in Laver Cup doubles

London | Agencies

Roger Federer will team with longtime rival and friend Rafael Nadal on Friday at the Laver Cup, which will be former World No One's final tour-level match.

The Swiss and Spaniard will take to court against Jack Sock and Frances Tiafoe at The O2 in London following the conclusion of Andy Murray's match against Alex de Minaur.

"I am not sure if I will be able to handle it all but I will try. I've had some tough moments in the past, being horribly nervous. All these years. This match feels a whole lot different. Playing with Rafa feels really different," Federer said during Team Europe's post-tournament press conference on Thursday.

"To be part of this historic moment is amazing and unforgettable for me. I am super excited and I hope I can play at a good level. Hopefully, together we can create a good moment and hopefully win a match,"



Nadal said during the press conference. Last week, the 103 tour-level titlist

Federer announced that the Laver Cup will be the final tournament of his career. The three-day event, which

starts on Friday, sees Team Europe face Team World in a series of singles and doubles matches.

MBAPPE SHINES FOR FRANCE WHILE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM CLAIM WINS IN NATIONS LEAGUE

Berlin | Agencies

Kylian Mbappe added another fine solo goal in France's 2-0 victory against Austria, while the Netherlands, Belgium and Croatia all claimed wins in the UEFA Nations League late on Thursday.

Mbappe and Olivier Giroud scored in the second half in France's convincing victory. Mbappe now has 28 goals in 58 games for France and is level with Yuri Djorkaeff in 10th place on Les Bleus' all-time scoring list.

Meanwhile, Giroud, who is about to turn 36, became France's oldest goalscorer, and sits only two goals behind Thierry Henry's all-time scoring record of 51 for Les Bleus, reports Xinhua. With the win, world champions France move up to third place in Group 1, with Austria sitting bottom of the group.

World Cup runners-up Croatia took over the lead in Group 1 with a 2-1 win over Denmark.

Borna Sosa put Croatia ahead in the second half, before Christian Eriksen levelled the score for



Denmark. Croatian midfielder Lovro Majer sealed the victory with a goal on 79 minutes. Belgium maintained their unbeaten record on home soil against Wales after a 2-1 win in Group 4. They have won five and drawn three of their eight clashes on home turf. Wales are now without a win in four games. Kevin De Bruyne and Michy Batshuayi scored in the first half for Belgium, while Kieffer

Moore's goal in the second half proved to be nothing more than a consolation for Wales.

In the same group, the Netherlands maintained their position at the head of the table after a 2-0 win in Poland, and now have 13 points.

Cody Gakpo's goal put the visiting team ahead after 13 minutes before Steven Bergwijn's strike in the second half. Louis van Gaal's men controlled the game from the very beginning. The visitors needed just 13 minutes to break the deadlock as Denzel Dumfries sent a low ball beyond Poland's defence to Gakpo, who tapped home from close range.

Poland tried to take the initiative but Robert Lewandowski and his teammates couldn't threaten the Netherlands, who continued their momentum. In the 37th minute, Nicola Zalewski got the ball in the penalty area but his right-footed shot was saved by Remko Pasveer.

After the break, the favourites didn't slow the pace as they kept possession for more than 60 per cent of the time.

Former India captain Dilip Tirkey elected Hockey India president

New Delhi | Agencies

Former India hockey captain and a member of the 1998 Asian Games gold medal-winning side, Dilip Tirkey, was on Friday elected as the Hockey India (HI) president, after two others, who had filed nominations for the post, withdrew before the elections.

One of the most capped former players -- Tikey played a record 412 international matches in his career spanning more than 15 years as defender --, the 44-year-old great from Odisha represented India at the 1996 Atlanta, 2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens Olympic Games. The Hockey India elections process was scheduled to be completed by October 9, as per the deadline set by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) and



the Committee of Administrators (CoA) in August. Before Tirkey was elected president, Hockey India was under the jurisdiction of the CoA on the orders of the Delhi High Court because of an alleged violation of the National Sports Code.

Pakistan's wrestler tests positive for banned drugs, stripped of CWG medal

Islamabad | Agencies

Pakistan's Wrestler Ali Asad, who claimed the bronze medal for the country in the 57kg category in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, was stripped of his medal after testing positive for banned performance-enhancing drugs.

Ali defeated New Zealand's Suraj Singh in 55 seconds to win bronze in the men's freestyle 57kg wrestling event of the Commonwealth Games 2022 as Pakistan had won five medals -- two silvers and three bronze in the category. The athlete had undergone a test for detection of banned performance-enhancing drugs before leaving Pakistan for the CWG, which returned positive, it emerged Thursday.

According to a report in 'The New' a thorough investigation, however, revealed further details in Ali Asad's case as it has been learnt that the tests conducted by the Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) and the results of which



were revealed just recently also declared him positive. Tests conducted on Ali Asad just before his departure to England also revealed that the wrestler has used performance-enhancing drugs. Though he was part of nine medal-winners that received their cash incentive during a ceremony held at the PM House recently, his amount was withheld by the PSB.

Ireland Women qualify for 2023 T20 World Cup with 4-run win over Zimbabwe

Abu Dhabi | Agencies

Ireland Women booked their place in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa in 2023 with a dramatic four-run win over Zimbabwe in the first semi-final of the Qualifiers, here on Friday.

Put in to bat first, Ireland managed to post 137/6, with valuable contributions from the middle-order.

Star opener Gaby Lewis was dismissed in the Powerplay, but Orla Prendergast, fresh from her impressive knock last game, carried Ireland with a 25-ball 28 before she was dismissed in the 12th over.

Laura Delany and Eimear Richardson got starts, but couldn't



The results (finals):
IREW - 137-6 in 20 overs (Orla Prendergast 28, Rebecca Stokell 26 not out; Nomvelo Sibanda 24) beat ZIMW - 133/6 in 20 overs (Sharne Mayers 39, Mary-Anne Musonda 31; Jane Maguire 2/18) by 4 runs

quite give the innings a push. That came from Rebecca Stokell, whose 12-ball 26 gave Ireland a strong push towards the end.

In the run chase, Sharne Mayers held the innings together for Zimbabwe with a 36-ball 39.

Skipper Mary-Anne Musonda gave her good company with a 29-ball 31, the pair stringing together a fifty-run stand before Mayers was dismissed.

Arlene Nora Kelly and Jane Maguire took two wickets apiece and Zimbabwe's required run rate got steeper once the skipper too was sent back. They eventually fell short by four runs as Ireland made it to the finals, ensuring their qualification to the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa next year.



'Growing up, I fantasised being an agent for my country': Parineeti Chopra

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Parineeti Chopra, who is gearing up for her next 'Code Name Tiranga', says growing up she fantasised being an agent for India and protecting it. The actress added that she used to carry a toy gun and pretended that she's the best agent in service of the country.

Parineeti said: "As an actor, we are constantly blessed to have many firsts all through our career. I'm thrilled that in my 11th year in cinema I'm doing my first full blown action film and I'm ecstatic about the reaction that I have been getting for Code Name Tiranga's teaser. It is hugely encouraging for someone who has never dabbled in this genre."

She adds, "The teaser is just a glimpse of what to expect from the trailer and my performance on screen. I have pushed myself and my body for this intensely physically challenging film but I have thoroughly enjoyed every bit of it."

"I had always wanted to present myself in an entirely new way on screen with the action genre and I couldn't have found a better film to do the same because it has allowed me to express freely and show audiences what I can do when presented with an opportunity like this!"

She says, "Talking about firsts, I also play an agent for my country and protecting it with all my heart. I used to carry a toy gun and pretend that I'm the best agent in service of India. So, I'm also getting to fulfil my childhood dream in Code Name Tiranga."



Hard days give you moments to thrive for a better tomorrow: Siju Wilson

Team Absolute | Chennai

Actor Siju Wilson, who has been garnering praise for his fantastic performance in director Vijayan's critically acclaimed Malayalam film 'Pathonpathaam Noottaandu', has posted a video on Instagram showing the phenomenal challenges he had to overcome to transform into the legendary warrior character for the historical film.

Taking to Instagram, Siju Wilson, while posting the video clip, said: "Long and hard days give you moments to thrive for a better tomorrow."

He said that as far as he was concerned, he considered his herculean effort only secondary to his desire of ensuring the genuinity of the character he was to play in the film.

"The journey from Vinayan sir's call till the date (the film released) was hard and proud as ever in my career. Thank you everyone for all the support," he said.

In the video clip he posted, director Vijayan is seen praising the actor. He added "When I met Siju, I narrated film's major portions to him. I told him about a warrior's action, performance, martial arts and horse riding. I thought he would get tensed and ask me if we could do this after he did a few more films."

"However, instead, I saw excitement in his eyes. He told me that if I gave him this role, he would do this as a challenge. But then, his physique was that of a regular good-looking guy. It lacked the traits of a warrior. When I told him this, he told that he would get a makeover done."

The video then goes on to show the intense and determined manner in which Siju Wilson transformed himself into the character in a short period, much to the surprise and delight of a number of his trainers.

DHOKHA: ROUND D CORNER: THE ONLY ACTOR WHO DOESN'T GIVE DHOKHA IS APARSHAKTI KHURANA

FILM REVIEW
BY SHACHI CHATURVEDI

Cast: R. Madhavan (Yatharth Sinha), Khushali Kumar (Sanchi Sinha), Aparshakti Khurana (Haq Gul), Darshan Kumar (Inspector Malik)
Director: Kookie Gulati
Runtime: 2 h 2 m
Rating: 3/5



Synopsis: A delusional housewife with a personality disorder is kidnapped by a terrorist on the loose and a husband is accused of cheating on his wife, then they both have their own versions of reality. How do we know who's telling the truth? Dhokha Round D Corner is a tale of lies and harsh truths.

Review: The film begins with the establishment of a basic storyline in which a couple who are fond of each other begins to argue and find themselves in a situation where the wife has her own version of the story and the husband has his own version of the truth. After establishing the backstory, the film takes a turn in which a terrorist kidnaps Sanchi (the wife) and demands a lot of things in exchange for her release.

The film has too many perspectives, which makes it quite chaotic. The film is nothing but a longer version of a CID episode.

The presence of Aparshakti is the only positive aspect. He is the only redeeming feature of the film. He plays the terrorist's character amazingly and has worked hard to master the Kashmiri dialect.

It was a surprise, and not a good one, to see R Madhavan playing a character like Yatharth, and it was difficult to believe that Madhavan had performed poorly, to an extent that you try to deny that it is the same Madhavan who gave us Rocketry.

Darshan, on the other hand, did two things: he doesn't act and he overacts.

Which again comes as a slap on the face, as one cannot expect Darshan to perform this badly.

Bhushan Kumar appears to have decided to use the T-series to launch the family's women. Khushali Kumar's role is so poorly written and sexualized that it makes no sense.

When it comes to the film's music, Jubin Nautial's song at the beginning feels like T-series' adopted baby isn't ready to give blockbusters. The film contains a lot of abusive language, giving the impression that the filmmakers forgot to run it by the censor board.

Conclusion: The film has no story and is a complete waste of time, not to mention that Aparshakti was the only redeeming feature.

Trisha Krishnan poses with Aishwarya Rai while shooting

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Actress Trisha Krishnan posed with Aishwarya Rai Bachchan for a picture on the sets of their upcoming film 'Ponniyin Selvan', directed by Mani Ratnam. Trisha took to her Instagram, where she and Aishwarya are seen taking a selfie on the sets dressed in their costumes from the upcoming magnum opus.

For the caption, Trisha wrote: "Ash" with a hug emoji. The film, whose first part is scheduled to open on September 30, is a story that revolves around the early life of prince Arulmozhi Varman, who later on went on to be known as the great Raja Chozhan.

Described by Mani Ratnam as his dream project, the film features a galaxy of top stars including actors Vikram, Aishwarya, Trisha, Karthi, Jayam Ravi, Jayaram, Parthiban, Lal, Vikram Prabhu, Jayaram, Prabhu and Prakash Raj.

In the movie, Aishwarya will reportedly be seen in a double role. She will be seen playing the role of queen Nandini and Mandakini Devi. The film will be among the most expensive projects ever undertaken in the country.



Never underestimate the power of your intuition: Sadaa

Team Absolute | Chennai

Actress Sadaa, who has now taken to wildlife photography in a big way, has told her followers on Instagram to never underestimate the power of intuition.

Going on to explain in detail how her intuition helped her click pictures and videos of a leopard called Bagheera, the actress wrote a detailed post with the title, "Bagheera, the 'Bluff Master' from Jhalana! Read to know why I call him that!"

The post read: "This shy rugged beast is known to keep away from gypsies/ humans. Hence, getting him head-on was something I'd least expected."

"It was already past 6:30 p.m. and we had no hopes for any sighting for that evening. Something within me asked Hemant if we could check a particular area before heading out. To my surprise, he readily agreed."

"Just a few minutes on that route, Hemant spotted something moving in the bushes. The moment we stopped to check, Bagheera got up and tried all his antics to bluff that he had gone further inside."

"Full marks to Hemant for understanding the animal's behaviour and his next move. He parked the vehicle much ahead of where we saw him and asked us to behave as dead as possible!"

"After a few minutes, Bagheera appeared as a shadow from the curvy path only to make his full glorious appearance! Being the only gypsy certainly helped here! Now I know the value of exclusive sighting. P.S. Never underestimate the power of your intuition!"

INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Miesha Iyer

BABLI BOUNCER: TAMANNA BHATIA SHINES IN MADHUR BHANDARKAR'S EXCITING DRAMA

FILM REVIEW
BY SHACHI CHATURVEDI

Cast: Tamannaah Bhatia, Abhishek Bajaj, Sahid Vaid, Saurabh Shukla, Sabyasachi Chakrabarty
Director: Madhur Bhandarkar
Runtime: 1 h 58 m
Rating: 3/5



Synopsis: Babli Tanwar (Tamannaah Bhatia) is a carefree small-town girl who falls in love with and decides to work because the guy likes independent girls. She gets a job as a bouncer at a Delhi nightclub with the help of Kukku (Sahid Vaid). Did Viraj accept her love? What happened next in her life? These questions will be addressed in the movie

Review: The film begins with the introduction of Babli, who is a carefree and strong young lady from the first scene. The plot is straightforward. The film contains no new scenes, but the humour quotient is so high that you will fall in love with the story. Babli Bouncer is a typical drama. It's the story of a girl who realises her worth and chooses to focus on her career over a boy. Although Tamannaah carries the film from beginning to end, it falls short of

expectations due to a lack of engaging narration. It isn't your typical Madhur Bhandarkar production. It's a portal to something else he tried to do.

Tamannaah is playing a role like this for the first time. She deserves to be recognised for taking on a new role. She is a good fit for the role of Babli, a tomboy girl with spontaneity, a sense of humour, and innocence. Furthermore, Sahid Vaid gives an excellent performance as Kukku. Despite having few scenes, he makes us laugh with his innocent performance.

The roles of Abhishek Bajaj, Saurabh Shukla, and Sabyasachi Chakrabarty

are justified. One of the film's main qualities is its short running time.

When it comes to music, Madhur Bhandarkar's Babli Bouncer is a work of art. The music of Tanishk Bagchi and Karan Malhotra is mediocre, but the songs are enjoyable.

There is nothing particularly noteworthy in terms of technicalities, though a few scenes could have been cut to improve the editing. Aside from that, the camera moments are appropriate.

Conclusion: Overall, Babli bouncer is an entertaining film. It is not harmful to watch it.